



PLAYOFF NOTES – GAME ONE

Merritt Centennials at Wenatchee Wild

Thursday March 1, 2018



It's Game One of the BCHL Interior Division Quarterfinals as the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild (37-16-4-1) take on the #6 seed Merritt Centennials (24-27-5-2) to kick off this best-of-seven series at Town Toyota Center.

HEAD TO HEAD: It's the first season in the Interior Division for Wenatchee, and the first postseason meeting between these two franchises. They've met head to head 10 times over the three seasons since Wenatchee joined the BCHL, and each side has won 5 times. The Wild are 4-2-0 vs Merritt this season, but 2-3-0 all time at home against the Centennials.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: BCHL MVP **Jasper Weatherby** (37g, 37a) led the Wild and the BCHL in points (74), and BCHL Top Defenseman **Cooper Zech** (11g, 58a) led all BCHL defensemen. He also finished tied for third overall in the league. Goalie **Seth Eisele** played the last 14 straight games as **Austin Park** rehabbed from injury but we may see both at some point during this series. Merritt forwards Henry Cleghorn (20g, 28a) and Nick Wicks (12g, 34a) provide significant offensive punch. Leading defensive scorer and team captain Tyrell Buckley is expected to miss tonight's game. Goalie Jake Berger is slated to start Game 1, he went 2-2-0 vs Wenatchee this year with a 3.72 goals against avg. and .918 save pct.

SPECIAL TEAMS: WEN PP – 6/28 21.4%
(Head to Head) MER PP – 3/21 14.3%

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.



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